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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/702,134
Filed: October 31, 2000
Title: Plant Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof
Applicants: BOUKHAROV *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.114/38-21(51237)F

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Letter;
2. an Appointment of Associate Attorneys; and
3. a return postcard. _____

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.114. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued an Election/Restriction Requirement on April 8, 2003. On May 2, 2003, the undersigned filed a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement and on May 5, 2003, Applicants filed, by mail, a Response to Restriction Requirement.

The undersigned respectfully requests that the Response to Election/Restriction Requirement filed on May 2, 2003 be removed from the file and that the filing mailed May 5, 2003 be entered as the response to the April 8, 2003 Election/Restriction Requirement.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (202) 942-5000.

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